

Board of Directors  
Cedar Falls Community School District  
1002 West First Street  
Cedar Falls Iowa, 50613

March 1, 2013

Board of Directors,

As a student of the Cedar Falls Community School District, I see it as my right and obligation to make my opinion known on issues affecting my education, including the resignation/termination of Mr. Mike Wells as Superintendent of Schools. I believe Mr. Wells is right for this job, and his contract should not end at the completion of this school year, but rather be reinstated for another three-year term. Mr. Wells has continually proven to me and many other students, faculty, and parents that he is what is best for our district.

Upon my first meeting with Mr. Wells, I was in the lobby of the administrative building this summer waiting for a meeting to start. Mr. Wells approached me, shook my hand, and introduced himself as Mike Wells. He did not feel the need to tell me his position and make me feel uncomfortable; instead he asked me how my day had been and offered me something to drink. He made me feel extremely comfortable and welcome, more so than any educator has the first time I have met them. I was later asked to be a part of the School Improvement Advisory Committee, which I was very excited and nervous about. Knowing that I would be one of the few students on this committee, I was concerned that it would be difficult for me to make my opinions heard. On the contrary, Mr. Wells continued to prove to me that both myself and my thoughts were genuinely valued and important to him. He makes a point to begin each meeting by shaking everyone's hands as they arrive, and taking the time to say hello. Throughout the meetings he continually asks for the students' opinions pointing out that we are the single most important part of the process. Never in all of my years in this school district has anyone, let alone the Superintendent made me feel like such a vital part of the education system. He constantly makes me feel like what I have to say is more important than anything he could say, which has empowered me to be able to tell him and the committee exactly how I feel about the issues we have discussed. This feeling of value and empowerment that he gives me motivates me to be positive leader in my school.

More important than my personal experience with Mr. Wells, he has impressed upon many people that he is a passionate educator with a vision. He has a wonderful vision for great change and a great future for our district. Our district is capable of so many great things, and Mr. Wells can lead us toward these goals. He is progressive and values change, which is exactly what our district needs to be its best and to best serve its students. Mr. Wells has amazing ideas, and amazing skills and abilities to execute them.

Mr. Wells may have pushed too hard for change, and he may have lacked process and communication, but he has made it clear that he has the best interest of the students at heart. Mr. Wells has admitted and apologized for his shortcomings, and he deserves a second chance to be the amazing Superintendent that he more than capable of being. The key to making progress as a district is unity and support. A body can accomplish nothing separated, and if Mr. Wells is not supported it will only set back all of the goals, potential, and progress that our district has made this year. It is our districts responsibility to teach our students not only reading, writing and arithmetic, but teamwork and compromise as well. The best way to teach these values is by example, by joining together as a team with Mr. Wells and compromising towards a better future for the students.

I firmly believe that it is vital that you highly consider reinstating Mr. Mike Wells's contract for another three years when his current contract expires in July.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Templeton  
Sophomore at Cedar Falls High School

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Alyssa Jensen	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student at CF
Autumn Timm	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Zawon Harder	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Ben Timms	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Caleb Townsend	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
John Jamison	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Hunter Foulkes	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Trevor Dunt	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Charlotte Brandenburg	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Melanie Dimpster	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Sam Banks	10 <sup>th</sup> grade student @ CF
Kate Spirt	10 <sup>th</sup> grade @ CF

Madeline Bergant

Grace Gubrud

9th

Katrina Wither

9th

Lauren Hudson

10<sup>th</sup> @ CF

Brian Keiser

10<sup>th</sup>

Catherine Weilein

10<sup>th</sup>

Becky Mujica

10<sup>th</sup> @ CF

Andrew Mason

10

Rebecca Lyman

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Patricia Mecklenborg

12<sup>th</sup>

Brooke Foland

11<sup>th</sup>

Alana Whit

11<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Gerstenkorn

10<sup>th</sup>

Alyssa Aiky

11

Destiny Green

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Brynn Hendrix

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Maddie Smith

11<sup>th</sup>

Amber Emkes

11<sup>th</sup>

~~Leah Parsons~~

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Krista Fretheim

12

Paul Bunker

11<sup>th</sup>

Benjamin Legit

10<sup>th</sup>

Rachel Wilson

10<sup>th</sup>



*Feb 14*

teacher

Anna Hubbard	11 <sup>th</sup> grader @ CFHS
Amanda Harwood	12 <sup>th</sup> grader @ CFHS
Mia Polakovic	10 <sup>th</sup> grader @ CFHS
Emma Lewis	10 <sup>th</sup> grader @ CFHS
Cindy Tran	10 <sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS
Ellen Wallingford	11 <sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS
Faith Van Meter	10 <sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS
Kaylin Kull	10 <sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS
Connor Williams	11 <sup>th</sup> grader CFHS
Spencer Williams	9 <sup>th</sup> grader Holmes
Ken Baker	10 <sup>th</sup> CFHS
Annabelle Davis	CF student
Tyler Schmidt	CF student
Jacob Johnson	CF Student
Jayden Moeller	CF Student 10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Anne Hetherington	CF Student 10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Jason Cheng	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
Melissa Breddon	faculty - teacher
Lizzy Swartley	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
Mitch Dektor	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
Nick Skites	11 <sup>th</sup> grade
MEGAN DAHLEN	11 <sup>th</sup> grade



Charlie Langner

9th grade Peet.

Logan Ryan

student CF

Rachelle Fisher

10th grade

Carlos Black

11th grade

Dana Linette

11th grade

Emma Redington

10th grade

Deanna Hudson

10th grade

Andy Knapp

Community Member

Dennis Knapp

CF bus driver

John Burnard

community member

Brian Cook

11th grade

Shelly Schlatter

teacher / Parent

Halcy Bexing

10th grade

Paster Steve Williams

Paster First United Methodist Church

Karla Blackford

parent

Katie Klaver

student

Sam Ben

Community Member

Mark Schlatter

Parent

Dermise Barr

Community member

Jackie Bassel

Community Member

Barbara Klein

Community member

Nancy Fransdal

Parent

Annieta Jepsen

Student

Mackenzie Dallenbach	10 <sup>th</sup> grad. CFHS
Danielle Deviney	10 <sup>th</sup> grad. CFHS
Paxton Fife	10 <sup>th</sup> grad. CFHS
Alison Fife	10 <sup>th</sup> grad. CFHS
Daniel Reinart	11 <sup>th</sup> grad. CFHS
Holly Weaver	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Miranda Walters	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Eddin Todd	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Adam Tasset	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Kirsten DeSenaio	12 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Clarissa Setton	12 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Haley Johnson	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Avry Sheehan	10 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Hannah Hansen	11 <sup>th</sup> grade CFHS
Lupe Deluz	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Morgan Johansen	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Angie Patee	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Madison Wright	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Sadie Kolpek	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Oli Mettin	9 <sup>th</sup> grade-Holmes
Cinda Akers	9 <sup>th</sup> grade-Holmes
Jordan Taylorson	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes
Marley Weaver	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Holmes



Christina Keller

Community Member

Chase Keller

Business Owner

Alexa Poppy

Grade 10 at CFHS

Haley Berhammer

10<sup>th</sup> grade at CFHS

Sophia Jackson

12<sup>th</sup> grade at CFHS

Karla Krueger

10<sup>th</sup> grader CFHS

Joan Spill

10<sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS

Haley Ritter

10<sup>th</sup> grader at CFHS

Melanie Stoss

11<sup>th</sup> grader CFHS

Catherine Isay

11<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Baerel Rose

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Madilin Neubert

11<sup>th</sup> grader CFHS

Leah Broadie

12<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Meghan Runyon

12<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Lauren Sims

12<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Haley Harcin

12<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

♥️ Anya Gonzales

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Madeline Rohl

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Brady Weber

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Abby Young

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Jayla Jackson

10<sup>th</sup> grade

Molly Littleton

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS

Melissa Kremer

10<sup>th</sup> grade CFHS



Kayla Baker	9th grade
Bri Combs	9th grade
Kayla Ramirez	8th grade
Sicanna Hingstgen	9th grade
Madisen Timmer	9th grade
Chloe Den Herder	8th grade
Christy Niemann	parent & Faculty member
Dr. Kim	Community Member
Jarred Decker	Parent / Teacher
Angie Berhammer	Parent
Charles Klein	Pastor (UMC)
Matthew Orism 10	Student.
Dominic Cipressi	Student
Nick Vinkler	Student
David Deen	Student
Ryan Ernst	Student
Ben Luth	Student
Kris Gurley	Student 10th
Connor Gibson	Student
Trey Brunner	Student 10 <sup>th</sup>
Brandon Kane	Student 10 <sup>th</sup>
Alec Stauch	Student 10 <sup>th</sup>
Lan Tagtow	Student 10th

Agatha Fenech	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Joan Spilly	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Ashlyn Walgren	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Chanelo Onuigbo	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Enna Helin	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Savannah Hartman	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ben	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Madison Mix	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Kelly Olsen	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Max Lu	11 grade
Muhli Muri	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Drew Marchessault	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jana Samuel	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Bruce Kel	12 <sup>th</sup> GRADE
Kateleen Haan	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Blake Ruediger	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Ben Mord	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Dylan Vanderwerf	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Trenton Willis	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Eris Plagge	Teacher + parent
Liffany Oppert	Teacher (Cedar Heights)
Robert Lentin	community member
Taylor Winkley	7th Grader, Peet Student

Jan W. Asher	Senior
Carri McCarry	senior
Shelby Miller	senior
Jon Geisler	Senior
John D. D. D.	senior
Josh Carlo	senior
Gene Brown	senior
Daniel Postel	<del>9th</del> 10 <sup>th</sup>
Alexis Jacobson	10 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Boland	10 <sup>th</sup>
Margam Ruppel	11 <sup>th</sup>
Martisha Greer	10 <sup>th</sup>
<del>Michelle Ross</del>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Wilson	10 <sup>th</sup>
Kailin Reed	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jackie Norman	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jaime Bobst	10 <sup>th</sup>
Annie Ross	10 <sup>th</sup>
Em Brown	10 <sup>th</sup>
Amme Bedington	10 <sup>th</sup>
Lucia McNeal	10 <sup>th</sup>
Nicole Day	10 <sup>th</sup>
Amber Hagen	10 <sup>th</sup>



Beth Wells ♡

10<sup>th</sup>

Brett Burnett

10<sup>th</sup>

Cody Paulson

10<sup>th</sup>

Dylon Wundervier

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Mikaela Mallin

10<sup>th</sup>

Barrett McFarlane

10<sup>th</sup>

Dillon Thompson 10<sup>th</sup>

Billy Weiland

10<sup>th</sup>

Tristan Holden

10<sup>th</sup>

Tyler Stiers

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Nicholas Gasser

9<sup>th</sup>

for Mrs

Science Teacher - Peet

Abby Hendrickson

English Teacher - Peet

Maah Wolf

8<sup>th</sup>

Zoe Bleile

7<sup>th</sup>

Josh Osterhaus

9<sup>th</sup>

Kelly Wiley

Parent

Jen Schultz

teacher

Kameron watts

9<sup>th</sup>

KARI Schwartz

teacher

Richard Horton

9<sup>th</sup>

Rodney Hinton III

9<sup>th</sup>

Sydney See

9<sup>th</sup>

Padma Templeton

Aur Templeton

parent

7th grade